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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified patent application. The non-small entity fee has been calculated in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.16 (b), (c) and (d) as follows:

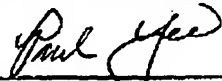
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**OFFICIAL****Amendment – 1**

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In response to the Office Action mailed 06/16/2004, the following amendments and remarks are submitted for your consideration.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.